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DELIVERY OF AVIATION PARTS

FOR COMMERCE

1. A REPRESENTATIVE OF ALFRED TEVES, G.M.B.H., WTDR DATED JANUARY 1974, A GERMANY SUBSIDIARY OF ITT, VISITED THE CONSULATE GENERAL ON SEPTEMBER 27, AND EXPLAINED TWO SEPERATE PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING DELIVERY OF PARTS FOR THE F 104 STARFIGHTER. ALTHOUGH TEVES HAS CORRESPONDED WITH THE TWO U.S. FIRMS, AND ALSO ASKED THE PARENT ITT TO INTERCEDE, TEVES HAS RECEIVED NO FIRM COMMITMENTS REGARDING DELIVERY TIME, ALTHOUGH THE PARTS ARE NEEDED ON AN URGENT BASIS. ACCORDINGLY, TEVES ASKS THAT THE POST ATTEMPT TO GET AN EXPLANATION FROM EACH U.S. FIRM VIA THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

2. THE FIRST CASE CONCERNS AN ORDER FOR 1400 BEARINGS ORDERED FROM TIMKEN CORP., CANTON OHIO, VIA THE TIMKEN SUBSIDIARY IN DUESSELDORF. DELIVERY OF THE U.S.-PRODUCED BEARINGS WAS SET FOR JULY, 1974, BUT TO DATE ONLY 400 HAVE BEEN RECEIVED, AND THESE DID NOT HAVE THE NECESSARY U.S. INSPECTION CERTIFICATE, AS APPROVED BY THE GERMAN MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON.

3. THE SECOND PROBLEM CONCERS AN ORDER FOR 1400 CUP PISTONS, FIRST ORDERED ON DECEMBER 4, 1973 FROM SERVAL  
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AVIATION INC., FOX ISLAND ROAD, P.O.B. 989, PORT CHESTER, N.Y. 425 UNITS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY TEVES AND

RETURNED TO THE U.S. FIRM, SINCE THEY WERE FOUND TO BE FAULTY. AN ADDITIONAL 40 UNITS ARE EXPECTED TO BE DELIVERED TO TEVES IN FRANKFURT FOR INSPECTION WITHIN ONE WEEK. HOWEVER, EVEN IF THESE APPEAR TO MEET QUALITY STANDARDS, TEVES HAS NO FIRM COMMITMENT ON DELIVERY TIME FOR THE TOTAL 1400 UNITS.

4. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THESE TWO U.S. SUPPLIERS, CONVEY THE URGENCY ON THE PART OF TEVES FOR THESE PARTS, AND SEE WHAT EARLY DELIVERY DATE MAY BE OBTAINED BY THE GERMAN FIRM. HARLAN

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